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## EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

We wonder why the English Sparrow, now of greater abundance and wider distribution in North America than any other bird species, should be left off the A. O. U. *Check-List*, when, for instance, the Starling is given formal place. The ground for inclusion of the latter is its "accidental" occurrence in Greenland. Otherwise it is an "introduced" species, well established, as in the case of the Sparrow. The circumstance that man was the agent of transportation of one or more individuals, rather than a gale of wind or an iceberg, is a minor circumstance as compared with the fact that both species are now members of the North American avifauna, to be reckoned with in any sort of regional study undertaken—faunistic, ecologic or economic. The English Sparrow, and all other birds of like status, should be regularly included in all our lists, along with the so-called native species.

Every citizen of California interested in conservation of wild life owes it to himself and to other conservationists both within and without the legislature to keep close tab on what is going on at Sacramento, so that aid may be given at critical moments. The newspapers cannot fully or

adequately report the news in particular provinces. Attention is called to Franklin Hichborn's "Bulletin of the 1915 Session of the California Legislature", which will be issued every week that the California legislature is actually in session, and which will give some consideration to game conservation bills. Mr. Hichborn should be addressed at 416 J Street, Sacramento, California.

A letter has been received from Mr. Allan Brooks, dated October 27, 1914, and sent from the encampment on Salisbury Plain, England. Mr. Brooks has a commission as Lieutenant in the 9th Battalion, Canadian Contingent.

On Friday evening, November 20, 1914, Mr. William L. Finley, State Game Warden of Oregon, lectured to a large and appreciative audience in Room 101 California Hall, University of California, his subject being "Our Children and the Birds". The lecture was illustrated by five reels of motion pictures secured by Mr. Finley and assistants in Oregon during the season of 1914. The subjects included: Children building and placing Audubon Society bird houses, house cat devouring a song bird, children rearing a brood of orphaned bluebirds, activities of two bear cubs and three mountain lion kittens, a visit to the lake region of southeastern Oregon showing the nesting and young of Wilson Snipe and White Pelicans and the mating antics of the Western Grebe, and a visit to Three Arch Rocks off the coast of Oregon. The set comprises the educational film series of the Oregon State Fish and Game Commission. The same pictures were shown at an open meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Club on November 17.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The regular meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Thursday evening, October 29, 1914. President Law was in the Chair and the following members were present: Messrs. Chambers, Daggett, Hegner, Howell, Swarth, and Wyman. Visitors were, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Richards, Miss Germain, and Mr. A. B. Dickinson. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading of the Northern Division minutes for September and October.

New members elected were: Miss Ida G. Jenkins, Roxbury, Massachusetts; W. H. Alkire, Hollywood; and E. F. Averill, Pendleton, Oregon. A motion was passed admitting to membership those persons voted upon at the last Northern Division meeting.

New names were proposed for membership as follows: Miss Clare Germain, Los Angeles, by L. E. Wyman; J. A. Munro, Okanagan Landing, British Columbia, by Allan Brooks; J. Stokley Ligon, Pecos, Texas, by E. A. Goldman; and the following by W. Lee Chambers: Sidney S. Stansell, Manly, Alberta, Canada; Charles L. Phillips, Taunton, Massachusetts; Miss Heloise Myer, Lenox, Massachusetts; Professor P. E. Kretzmann, St. Paul, Minnesota; Edwin S. Mattern, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Miss Harriet E. Richards, Brookline, Massachusetts.

A communication was read, received by the Secretary from the associate secretary of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, asking the endorsement of the Southern Division of the Cooper Club, of the proposed constitution of the Pacific Division. After some discussion this was accorded, and the secretary was instructed to convey to the secretary of the Pacific Division the approval of the Club.

Mr. Law, who had been devoting considerable time to the sea birds of the coast during the past summer, placed on exhibition specimens of nearly all the species of gulls found hereabout. Different ages and plumages were well represented, making an instructive exhibit, which was well explained by Mr. Law. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Southern Division was held Friday evening, November 27, at the Museum of History, Science and Art, with following attendance: President Law, Mrs. Gertrude H. Husher, Mrs. Frances M. Harmon, and Messrs. Chambers, Colburn, Edwards, Hegner, Nokes, Rich, Smith, Swarth, Willett, Wood, Wyman, and Zahn. Mrs. George Willett was a visitor.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. New members were elected as follows: Miss Harriet E. Richards, Edwin Stuart Mattern, Professor P. E. Kretzmann, Miss Heloise Meyer, Charles Lincoln Phillips, Sidney S. Stansell, J. Stokley Ligon, J. A. Munro, and Miss Clare Germain. New names presented were: Mrs. Marion L. Goodcell, San Bernardino, presented by Edward Wall; W. H. Sanford, Stockton, presented by W. Lee Chambers; and the following presented by A. B. Howell: Wharton Huber, Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania; F. Seymour Hersey, Taunton, Massachusetts; F. H. Ward, Rochester, New York; Dr. Leonard C. Sanford, New Haven,

Connecticut; George Osterhout, Windsor, Colorado.

The Secretary of the Northern Division transmitted a request from Mr. A. O. Treanza, petitioning that permission be granted to establish an Inter-Mountain Chapter of the Cooper Ornithological Club at Salt Lake City, Utah. The constitutional requirements having been complied with, the request was granted accordingly. A communication was received from Mr. A. B. Howell, proposing first, that the Club take action toward preparing an exchange list of birds' eggs and skins, as a standard of values. There was considerable discussion of the subject, but no action was taken at this time, the matter being allowed to lie over for a month or two to permit of further investigation by those most interested. The second point covered by Mr. Howell was that the Cooper Club take some action toward identifying itself with the work undertaken by the Bird-Banding Association of the eastern United States. On motion the President appointed Mr. Howell a committee of one to take whatever steps are necessary toward the development of this line of work.

A short letter was read, written by Mr. Allan Brooks, October 27, at which time he was encamped with his regiment on Salisbury Plain, England. Mr. Wilfred Smith made some remarks regarding bird protective legislation. Announcing that the Audubon Society (of which he is also a member) had appointed a committee to look after this phase of work, and that the different societies interested in the matter should have some method of working together, Mr. Smith made a motion that the President appoint a committee of three, whose duty would be to keep the Club in touch with whatever legislation was pending. The motion was passed, and Mr. Law appointed Messrs. Willett, Miller, and Robertson to serve on the Committee on Legislation.

A paper by Mr. Grinnell was read, entitled "Conserve the Collector". This was a strong argument for a more liberal attitude toward the collector, especially in the matter of permits, and aroused considerable discussion. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Tuesday evening, December 29. The following were present: President Law in the chair, and

Mrs. Husher, and Messrs. Blaine, Chambers, Colburn, Daggett, Gardner, Howell, Little, Miller, Morcom, Rich, Shepardson, Swarth, and Wyman. Mr. Edward G. Brown was a visitor.

The November minutes were read and approved, followed by the November minutes of the Northern Division. New members elected are: Wharton Huber, F. Seymour Hersey, F. H. Ward, Leonard C. Sanford, G. E. Osterhout, W. H. Sanford, and Mrs. Marion Lampson Goodcell. A motion was also passed admitting to membership those individuals elected at the last Northern Division meeting. New names were presented as follows: Professor W. A. Ford, Umatilla, Oregon, proposed by S. G. Jewett; J. N. Swift, Stockport, Ohio, proposed by W. Lee Chambers. The resignation of Charles H. Richardson was read, and accepted with regret.

President Law announced the personnel of the committee on arrangements for the joint A. O. U.-C. O. C. meeting in 1915, to be as follows: Messrs. Law, Willett, Daggett, Howell, and Miller. The function of this committee is to assist in the entertainment of such members of the A. O. U. as stop in Los Angeles on their way to or from the San Francisco meeting.

A letter was read, received from Joseph Dixon, in which he offered to give an illustrated talk to the Division on his experiences in the Arctic. The secretary was empowered to arrange for a special meeting if necessary. Nominations for officers for 1915 were in order at this, the last meeting of the year. After some discussion a motion was made and passed that the secretary cast a ballot electing to further service those now holding the several offices: President, J. E. Law; Vice-president, Howard Robertson; Secretary, H. S. Swarth.

Mr. Law had on exhibition specimens of the southern California species of grebes and loons, and there was some discussion of the various plumages represented. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary*.

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held in Room 101 East Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Thursday evening, September 17, 1914, at 8 o'clock. President Bryant was in the chair with the following members present: Mesdames Allen, Anderson and Grinnell, the Misses Andrews, Atsatt, Crane, Culver and Swezy, and the Messrs. Anderson, Bryant, Camp, Carriger, Dawson,

Grinnell, Mailliard, Silliman and Storer. Several visitors were present.

The program of the evening was first presented. Mr. M. P. Anderson spoke on "The Experiences of a Collector in Peru." His remarks were based upon a recent collecting trip which he made for the Field Museum of Chicago. The talk was illustrated with lantern slides of the scenery.

The business of the meeting was then taken up. The minutes of the Northern Division August meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading of the minutes of the Southern Division meeting of the same month. The following persons were elected to membership: Miss Hazel King, Mrs. Amy M. Bryant, Mr. Lee R. Dice, Miss Amy E. Gunn, Miss Frieda Luedemann, Miss Mary S. Storer and Miss Dorothy Conger, as also the names proposed at the Southern Division in June and July, twenty-nine in all. The following name was proposed for membership: Dr. W. Stark, Auburn, California, by Tracy I. Storer. Nine names proposed at the Southern Division in August were read.

Mr. Grinnell made a few remarks upon the need of observations in the late summer and early fall to detect the departure of the summer visitants as well as the arrival of winter visitants. Adjourned.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.

OCTOBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, October 15, 1914, at 8 p. m. President Bryant was in the chair with the following members present: Mesdames Allen, Bryant, and Grinnell, Misses Culver and Luedemann, and Messrs. Bolander, Camp, Carriger and Grinnell. Several visitors were present.

The minutes of the Northern Division September meeting were read and approved followed by the reading of the Southern Division September minutes. The following were elected to membership: Dr. W. Stark, and the members proposed at the Southern Division August meeting. The following were proposed for membership: Mrs. Jane J. Schlisinger, 1417 Filbert St., Oakland, by Mrs. A. S. Allen; Dr. Otto Westerfeld, 240 Stockton St., San Francisco, by Joseph Mailliard; and the persons proposed at the Southern Division September meeting.

Joseph Grinnell gave a talk on the birds observed by him in a recent trip through the Yosemite Valley. A general discussion followed. Adjourned.—CHARLES L. CAMP, *Secretary, pro tem.*

NOVEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division was held at the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, November 19, 1914, at 8 p. m. In the absence of President Bryant, Mr. H. W. Carriger was elected chairman of the evening. The following members were present: Mrs. Allen, Miss Culver, Messrs. Carriger, Reynolds, Smyth and Storer. Mesdames Reynolds and Schlisinger and one other visitor were present.

The minutes of the Northern Division October meeting were read and approved, and the Southern Division October minutes were read. The following persons were elected to membership: Mrs. Jane J. Schlisinger, Dr. Otto Westerfeld and the persons proposed at the Southern Division September meeting. The following were proposed for membership: D. Moore Lindsay, 808 Boston Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah; R. Bruce Overington, Laurel, Maryland; F. A. Wrathall, 347 Wilson Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah; Thomas Boyer, Continental National Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah; Claude T. Barnes, 359 10th Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah; J. W. Sugden, 55 S. 8th Street, West, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. A. O. Treganza, 614 East 6th St., South, Salt Lake City, Utah; and R. H. Palmer, Downey, Idaho, all proposed by A. O. Treganza; Cassie A. Davidson, 1523 Spring Street, Berkeley; Katherine E. Dolbear, 2015 13th Ave., Oakland; and Mrs. C. M. Haring, care of College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley, all by Tracy I. Storer; also the members proposed at the Southern Division October meeting, nine in all.

The following written communication was received. To the Cooper Ornithological Club. Under the provisions of Section Two (2), article two (2) and subsequent definitions of the Constitution, we, the undersigned members or applicants for membership in the Cooper Club, make application for an Inter-mountain Chapter of said Club at Salt Lake City, Utah. Signed: D. Moore Lindsay, R. Bruce Overington, F. A. Wrathall, Thomas Boyer, Claude T. Barnes, J. W. Sugden, J. H. Paul, Mrs. A. O. Treganza, R. H. Palmer, James L. A. Mullen, A. O. Treganza. This application was read and laid over for voting upon at the next meeting. The context of the application had already been sent to the Southern Division for consideration at their November meeting.

A communication was received from Mr. Harry Harris of Kansas City, Missouri, donating the field notebook kept by Mr. George B. Sennett on his first two trips to Texas in 1877 and 1878, and a manuscript

lecture by Mr. Sennett on the Birds of Paradise. It was moved, seconded and carried that these be deposited in the Bancroft Library of the University of California subject to the same conditions as Belding's manuscript of the water birds of California which is there deposited.

Tracy I. Storer then spoke on "Some results of a Summer Session Course in Ornithology", pointing out some of the deficiencies in the textbooks and other literature available for classroom instruction in ornithology and suggesting how some of the deficiencies could be supplied. Adjourned.\* —TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, California, Thursday evening, December 17, 1914, at 8 p. m. President Bryant was in the chair with the following members present: Mesdames Allen and Grinnell, Miss Crane, Messrs. Carriger, Grinnell and Storer.

The minutes of the Northern Division November meeting were read and approved and those of the Southern Division November meeting read. The following persons were elected to membership: D. Moore Lindsay, R. Bruce Overington, F. A. Wrathall, Thos. Boyer, Claude T. Barnes, J. W. Snyder, Mrs. A. O. Treganza, R. H. Palmer, Cassie A. Davidson, Katherine E. Dolbear, Mrs. C. M. Haring, and the persons proposed at the Southern Division's October meeting. The following applications for membership were received: J. N. Kendall, 253 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, proposed by H. C. Bryant, and the seven persons proposed at the Southern Division November meeting. The application for an Inter-mountain Chapter at Salt Lake City, Utah, was granted by unanimous vote.

A letter was read from Mr. A. B. Howell concerning the preparation of an exchange list and also concerning bird banding in the west. The President was directed to appoint a committee of one to consider the matter of bird banding for the membership of the Northern Division. Nominations for Northern Division officers for 1915 were made as follows: President, Joseph Mailiard; Vice-President, Walter K. Fisher; Secretary, Tracy I. Storer.

Mrs. A. S. Allen presented the paper of the evening, entitled "Birds of a Berkeley Hillside". The paper embodied observations made by Mrs. Allen at her home on Mosswood Road where she has set out food and also provided water for the birds to drink and bathe in. A discussion of the paper followed. Adjourned.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.

\*NOTE.—The following have been appointed a committee of arrangements for the joint A. O. U.-C. O. C. meeting in San Francisco in 1915: Joseph Mailiard, Barton W. Evermann, Joseph Grinnell, John W. Mailiard.